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Status Report on GAO Investigation

- l. After the year-end recess of the GAO investigation into the allegation that OPC had brought numerous Nazi war criminals into the U.S. illegally, we met with Messrs. Tipton and Glick for an update on their investigation. In short, while they cannot give us a firm date for completing their work, they believe that their time can be counted in months, not years.
- 2. The interviews with former CIA employees who were mentioned in the records being reviewed by the GAO investigators has led to no firm support for the allegations being made. The interviews provided the investigators a feel for the times when OPC/CIA was engaged in the operations in question, but little more. There still are a number of persons whom they plan to see, mostly in the Washington area. Clearly, however, the time has come for the investigators to plan for a cut off date since they have come to the realization that every file they review leads to another, and every person they interview can suggest a more knowledgeable person.
- 3. During our meeting, the investigators suggested that we may face some problems when their final report is completed. They will discuss with us such issues of naming individuals who may have been associated with OPC/CIA, and who were actual or suspected war criminals. They know that we must protect the identity of former agents, and that we need strong justifications for permitting such individuals to be named in an unclassified report.
- 4. Another suggestion made by the investigators relates to the possibility that their final report could set in motion questions regarding the circumstances under which more recent refugees entered the U.S. For example, the Vietnamese, and residents from Central America. Mr. Tipton believes that questions on a possible CIA role in the immigration of people from those countries may arise either in Congress or from elsewhere.

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